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SUBJ: BONUS PAYMENTS FOR SEIZED HEROIN
REF: STATE 159315

1. EMBASSY INSTRUCTED CONSUL CHIANG MAI TO INFORM BORDER
PATROL POLICE (BPP) REGION III (NORTHERN REGION) COMMANDER
GENERAL WICHAJ WICHAITHANAPHAT, THAT BONUS PAYMENTS
PROGRAM HAS BEEN TERMINATED AS OF JULY 11.

2. CONSULATE CHIANG MAI REPORTED JULY 14: "WE HAVE
INFORMED GENERAL WICHAJ OF THE DISCONTINUANCE OF SPECIAL
BONUS PAYMENTS FOR SEIZED HEROIN. AT THE SAME TIME WE
WERE ABLE TO ADVISE HIM OF NEWLY APPROVED DEA REWARDS
FOR PREVIOUS SEIZURES, WHICH APPARENTLY CUSHIONED ANY
NEGATIVE EFFECT THE DISCONTINUANCE MIGHT HAVE HAD."

3. CONSULATE CHIANG MAI ALSO REPORTS THAT IT APPEARS
THE BPP HAVE CONSIDERED THEIR MOST RECENT NARCOTICS
SUPPRESSION OPERATION (NORTH OF MAE HONG SON NEAR THE
BURMESE BORDER) CONCLUDED FOR SOME DAYS NOW. A MAJOR
COUNTER-INSURGENCY OPERATION UNDER GENERAL WICHAJ WAS
MOUNTED LAST WEEK IN MAE CHAEM DISTRICT OF CHIANG MAI
PROVINCE AND IN THE MAE LA NOI AND MAE SARIANG
DISTRICTS OF MAE HONG SON PROVINCE. THIS OPERATION,
NAMED SUTHEP I, BEGAN JULY 9 AND IS SLATED TO CONTINUE

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UNTIL JULY 23.

4. COMMENT: THE TIMING OF SUTHEP I PROVIDES AMPLE
JUSTIFICATION FOR THE BPP TO PULL THE MAJORITY
OF THEIR FORCES AWAY FROM NARCOTICS SEARCH-AND-
SEIZURE. MAE CHAEM DISTRICT WILL BE FOCUS OF MAJOR
CROP SUBSTITUTION OPERATION BEGINNING OCT1. ALTHOUGH

THERE IS STILL A POSSIBILITY THAT SOME NARCOTICS
BROUGHT INTO THAILAND DURING LAST MONTH.S
JOINT THAI-BURMESE SUPPRESSION CAMPAIGN MAY YET BE
SEIZED, WE ARE NOT PARTICULARLY HOPEFUL.
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